Bill Kelly - The Air Force One Tapes HD

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William E. Kelly: An extraordinary independent researcher; founder, Committee for an Open Archive; co-founder, Coalition on Political Assassinations. Bill's current focus includes the November 22nd Air Force One cockpit tapes which have never been fully released, and which he believes "are the black box of the Kennedy assassination." Bill is the co-founder of CAPA, Committee Against Political Assassinations. Bill's online essays, available by visiting his blogspots, are an invaluable resource on key issues and important areas associated with the study of President Kennedy's assassination. Highly recommended.

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I'm bill Kelley I run the blog JFK counterkill I'm an original founding member of Coppa and the committee for an open archives and what I'm going to do is give me a synopsis of the events that led up to where we are today with the JFK tapes there are work in progress and we're not complete we're not finished with it yet but it's pretty fascinating information and I'm really a proud to present this and I think it said there's a lot of new information coming out about it as we go along I first got involved back in I guess it was the early 80s I went to Dallas and I met West wise the mayor of former mayor of Dallas and a reporter at the time of the assassination and he gave me a tour of Dallas and took me to the tip and murder scene and and told me about tipis best friend Carl Mather who was with tippet the morning of the assassination and after the assassination he he went to visit Tippit's Widow and later it was reported that a person resembling Lee Harvey Oswald was driving around a cliff and in Carl Mathis automobile a Plymouth and then a wise tells me that Carl Mather worked at Collins radio and that was the first I heard of Collins radio but then I got the volumes of the House Select Committee reports and then that as George de Mohrenschildt memoirs I'm a pasión in there he tells how he took Oswald to the home of Admiral Chester Bruton and tried to get him a job but at

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Bruton and tried to get him a job but at Collins radio where Bruton was an executive and then I read in the New York Times back issues of November 1st 1963 a CIA Raider ship was identified in the front page of the New York Times as being the Rex was being I was owned by Collins radio so I all of a sudden I'm developing a file on this company that I never at work and so I wrote him a letter asking for comments had been purchased and merged with Rockwell International so I wrote the Rockwell and I asked them for copies of their annual reports for 1960 two three and four and when I received them I was surprised to the read they were proud of the fact that the Collins radios were used in the Air Force one the cabinet plane and all the Strategic Air Command bombers and their radio communications were coordinated out of a radio station a relay station in Cedar Rapids Iowa where Collins radio headquarters was located they had a building there they called the fishbowl because it was a glass house and that's where what they called the Liberty Station was and the Liberty station was the relay station for all the the Air Force one the cabinet plane and the sac

bombers so I developed an interest in the company and I obtained Collins bio and the company was founded by Arthur Collins who in Cedar Rapids as a young man built his own radio receiver and in the 30s his radio was the only radio that could pick up the radio communications from Admiral Byrd who was on his Arctic expeditions so here's this young teenager in Cedar Rapids receiving these radio communications from Admiral

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these radio communications from Admiral Byrd and the Arctic and relaying the messages to the the military in Washington and he started a little company from his garage and because of his relationship with the Navy he his company received a lot of military contracts during World War two and then after the war he became friends with general LeMay and LeMay was a ham radio buff and had his own ham radio signals code sign sign-off code and hemming Collins became good friends and and I'm sure too may help arrange for Collins radios to be used by the Air Force one and the bomb bleep so in reading the history of Collins he talks about how the military decided at some point that they wanted to relocate their defense industries and to the dallas-fort Worth area and Collins opened up a factory in Richardson Bell Helicopter relocated there as did other General Dynamics all these companies all relocated to dallas-fort worth at the same time for security reasons and they discovered according to Commons that there was no graduate study program in that area that would develop the engineers they needed to build these companies they had a recruit engineers from out of state so they found that a graduate research center in in tech and Dallas and art Collins became the first director of this Advanced Research graduate research study center and in 1963 when John F Kennedy was invited to Dallas he at first was invited to to receive a degree from Texas Christian University but at

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from Texas Christian University but at the last minute the trustees of this university decided they didn't want to give Kennedy the degree so they had to come up with another place an excuse for him to be there so they had him they had him give a speech before the Civic Association which was honoring the Advanced Research Center and if you read john f kennedy's undelivered speech that he gave was supposed to give a half hour after he was murdered in the very first paragraph he mentions this research center of the part Collins was the director of in Dallas at the time well in 1979 the LBJ library released a edited version of the Air Force One radio tapes on a cassette three cassettes and I obtained the copy of this and I was dissatisfied with the original transcript that they accompanied the tapes not only was inaccurate when you listen to it but they misidentified a lot of the places mentioned on the tapes for instance when they mentioned the Liberty station according to the official transcript it was the White House and I knew that it was the Cedar Rapids relay station so I took took me many months but I develop my own transcript of the of the edited tape that they released from the LBJ library and I posted it on the Internet when the internet came along and then about three or four years ago General Clifton his estate decided to sell his personal effects and among his effects was a real a real White House communication agency tape of the Air Force one radio communications and they actually had to exact copies of the same

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actually had to exact copies of the same tape and they donated one to the National Archives and they sold the other one for a half a million dollars was the asking price I don't know what happened to it but the copy that they gave to the archives I got a copy up and I made a transcript of that and compared it to the tape that they have released from the LBJ library and discovered that it was a half hour longer but it kicks in the Clifton tape kicks in about ten minutes into the LBJ library tape so there they both contain unique information so I also the clipping tape has a half a dozen what they call a patches that aren't on the LBJ tape that were edited out of the LBJ library tape so we have an indication of what they edited out so I made a transcript of the Clifton tape and I combined the two I put them in a chronological order and combined them and one day I listened to the National Public Radio do an article a story on the Trevor Martin murder case in Florida and they interviewed a forensic acoustical a forensic acoustical specialist and premio who who testified at that

trial about the cell phone conversations so I called Amy premio and I asked him if he was interested in the white house I mean in the airforce one radio tapes and he said he was and I told him of the problem of having the two tapes and he said he would try to combine them which he spent the entire summer after that three or four months working on these tapes and he effectively combined them using my transcript as a guide so we now have a one seamless a copy of the the Air Force One tape and one of his employees take took to the tape that he combined and added my transcript to it so you can hear it and read my

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so you can hear it and read my transcript as you're listening to it and last October at the whet conference I presented that tape and we released it to the public and we we put it online and since then I worked with Edie and a guy named Jeff Carter and we tried to cut down the two-and-a-half hour tape to less than two hours we took the dead air out and we took some of the noise out and we made a very high quality audio only version of the tape that's less than two hours and we broke that into eight 15 minute sections that we're going to release hopefully as a radio program and I'm going to introduce each of the eight sections with a description of what you're hearing and who's on them and ordinary people that can understand what's going on and because it takes so long I I can't play the whole tape today but I have a ten minute summary of what what's on the tape and gives you a sample of what what is on it and what it sounds like and I'll play that and then I'll open up the questions if you have any I'm still Kelly I'm going to FK assassination of researcher I run the blog called JFK counter to the Air Force one radio tapes are the black box of the assassination accident and they tell us a lot what's not on the tapes is even maybe more important what the military excised from the tapes the Warren Commission did not have access to the Air Force on radio tapes and nor do they ask for them the first hint of them came out and we in Manchester's book when he went to the White House and LBJ allows him to read the transcript of the unedited tapes that he quotes from the LBJ library released their copy of the

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LBJ library released their copy of the tape in the late 70s and that was a cassette tape it was about it an hour and a half long now the different tapes were found among the effects of Air Force aide to the president general chest equipment and this tape is about a half hour longer than the old LBJ library tape that we had three years but both tapes contain unique information frequencies were two different matches at one time right now that's all we can do the flips and tape is a reel-to-reel tape so it's an older generation tape a better quality tape it's labeled White House communication agency and we think that from the information on this tape we might be able to track down where the other tapes are we know a lot of what's not on the tapes because three reporters we have Manchester th white and pierre salinger were given access to a transcript of the unedited tapes so we know the under- tapes existed at one time these three reporters quoted items off the tapes that aren't on there today they entered it out a lot of the military references okay one of the unique aspects of my research is the identity of the Liberty station Collins radio they were the Liberty station is when you listen to the tapes you hear them talk Liberty

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the tapes you hear them talk Liberty Liberty give me this frequency sent me with this relay they asked Liberty station 100 times on the tapes to do something and the Liberty Station is the Collins radio headquarters in Cedar Rapids Iowa where they had the contract for the radio relays of all the communications aboard Air Force One and the cabinet planes and the Strategic Air Command general amaz'd bomber fleet I was already familiar with Collins radio because on November 1st 1963 the New York Times reported that the CIA Raider ship that had dropped up commandos in Cuba was leased to the Collins radio company of Richardson Texas which is affiliated with the one in Cedar Rapids so College was serving as a cover for the CIA readership on November 1st 1963 and they had worked with the CIA and other military operations before in fact art Collins the founder of the company was a personal friend of Air Force general Curtis LeMay who was a ham radio buff the may gave all the Strategic Air Command contracts to Collins and they also

received the contracts to handle the Air Force one radio communications if you read a book called true d'etat practical handbook it tells you how to conduct a coup and if the assassination was in fact a real coup d'etat the two members would happen to control the communications that's part of the key elements of a food we look at the communications link here in the Collins radio and what's going on and we see that those people that were in charge and had control over the communications network hated Kennedy LeMay and these people despised Kennedy and we're glad he was killed they were his enemies at the time of the assassination Air Force one pilot James Swindell was listening to the secret service transmissions from the Dallas motorcade on Charlie Channel which if the Charlie

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on Charlie Channel which if the Charlie Channel was recorded it will contain the sounds of the final two shots President Kennedy in order the Air Force one radio transmissions recorded only when the plane is in the air so when LBJ got back to Air Force One he made a few phone calls that were not recorded well they said they weren't recorded those conversations are suspicious LBJ called his lawyer named Goldberg from the Air Force One and he also talked to another lawyer named Jay whitey bouillon bouillon was a tax attorney LBJ said I'll have to sell my Halyburton stock now and of course Halliburton was the Texas company that is one of the big defense contractors that got a lot of business when I became president the other call was to a mother named Goldberg and he told LBJ to be sworn in right away and to have Sarah used do it there's no mention of Goldberg in any of the mainstream books or the official record we only learned about it from Goldberg's obituary when he died when the plane took off the White House communication agency apparently began to tape record all the conversations and there were three radios on board that were being used at the time and all three were busy the whole time the plane was in the air two hours and 17 minutes so we estimate there was three radios going for over two hours there should be at least six hours of tape conversation but in fact we only have two hours that was the clinical of our government they're all in one plane trying to figure out what happened in those two hours and 17 minutes will tell us a lot about what happened in the assassination the cabinet plane who the cabinet members on it we're over the Pacific Ocean at the time of the assassination and their response to the assassination is really important Pierre Salinger was on that flight and he contracted the White House Situation Room and attempted to get all the information he could on what was happening in the car which they

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what was happening in the car which they were writing mr. Bromley Snap is back here in the situation room now we are getting our information over the tickers Roger with information as to whether some members of that party should go to Dallas all right coming out now the bulletin to the effect that they believe the president was hit in the head that just you man over this question of how the Air Force One received the information about Oswald being the assassin reportedly came from the White House Situation Room where the Navy aide Oliver Hallett was telling the Air Force one Oswald was the assassin and it was no conspiracy this has also been attributed to Bundy none of this is on the tape that we have but we do know that Oliver how the guy that was heard on the tapes talking the Air Force One knew Oswald his previous assignment was the US Embassy in Moscow where he was a navy attache and his wife was Snyder's secretary so when I was won't be affected three years earlier he handed this passport to Snider palace wife was right there and later testified about Oswald's behavior and so when Oliver how it in the Situation Room was telling the Air Force one but Oswald was the assassin he knew Oswald which I find astounding coincidence I think there's other tapes out there that we can look for and maybe locate and someday in the future we can have a complete picture of what happened on

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complete picture of what happened on that return flight in the rubber 22nd 1953 when I when I first received the the second Cliff Carter tape I was transcribing it and I noticed the differences between the two and I saluted the aspects that were edited out of the LBJ tape and one of them was the reference to Colonel

Dorman was trying to get in touch with LeMay and I looked up him in the phone book or on the internet and found right away that he had been killed in Vietnam three years later he was a fighter pilot in Vietnam and he died there but his wife lived in Princeton not far from where I lived his widow and I got her on the phone and I said is this mrs. Dorman the widow of Colonel Dorman Lemay's aide and she said yes and I said well I'm transcribing the transcript of the Air Force one radio communications and your husband is on the tape and she says well I I asked her about that day and she says well I was working in the White House that day she was working with the gentleman named Castro who was responsible for the remodeling of the halfway house in line with Jackie Kennedy's wishes and she said she received a phone call from her husband who said that the Kennedy had been killed and that for she was supposed to leave the White House immediately and go home and stay home and she gave me the name of her son and phone number and I talked to her son and her son was only a teenager at the time but he witnessed the the funeral in his backyard he lived right right off of the Arlington Cemetery and he said that his father took him to general Lemay's plane which was called speckled trout it was a leaked communications plane that was in in a time of an emergency would go in the air and communicate to nuclear

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the air and communicate to nuclear strikes and he described what that plane was like and and and I learned more about that and also on the tape there's a references to a stranger Pierre Salinger relates the story of how he received orders from the the Situation Room from a man codenamed stranger who told them to turn the plane around and come back to Washington and don't go to Dallas and the Secretary of State Rusk on the plane says well we can't take a orders from a guy named stranger who is this person that telling us to come back so they called back to the Situation Room and said who is stranger and they strangers as well there's a code book on board and them and the safe of the pile is safe so they went to the safe the plow is safe and the code book was missing so they come back and this is all on the tape they says we need the identity of stranger the code book is missing and a few minutes later that the word comes back that the answer to your question is major Harold Patterson major Harold Patterson is stranger and Pierre Salinger says well I know this guy Patterson he's a very reliable military officer and he wouldn't give us the wrong information and he tells that to Rusk and so they turned the plane around and begin to fight back to Honolulu and and Washington so I looked up Patterson's name and Google it and I found him in Virginia and got him on the phone right away and he said yes I was in charge of the White House Situation Room and yes the codebook was missing and I did have to reveal my identity over the open air thing and he also confirmed that Oliver Hallett was there and that they communicated frequently with the Air Force one in the military and he gave me a lot of interesting information and and then a couple weeks later

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later Jefferson Worley called Patterson and Patterson clammed up and refused to talk to him but he did talk to me for about a half hour and confirmed everything that was on the tape but we're trying to get Patterson to loosen up and and and and tell us more about what was happening in there and I asked Patterson I said there's a book on the history of the Situation Room and were you interviewed for that and he said no you're the first reporter to contact me about this information about what what happened that day in that in that room and the effort so far I have an appeal into the Air Force to the Secretary of the Air Force I have appealed the negative response to my Freedom of Information Act request for Air Force Records and hopefully the Secretary of the Air Force a woman she will be more sympathetic to our requests and try to help us locate what we believe still exists and that is the unedited version of the White House communication agency radio communications with Air Force One and I believe this record exists today I think if they destroyed it there it would have been a record of its destruction and I think that anyone who is ordered to destroy this tape would refuse to do so and I think that the discovery of the Clifton tape as an example of how we can still locate records today that are out there that we haven't discovered yet and I think the unedited Air Force one radio communication tape is one of those records that that we can and should locate soon and it would be a big

piece of the puzzle of what happened that day thank you very much is right any questions well they request they request for the May and we discovered that LeMay was in northern Michigan at the time with his family and he took a private

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with his family and he took a private plane from the cabin in Michigan where he was fishing and hunting - he said he was going to go to Toronto where there's a base but instead he went to a really small base nearby and Andrews Air Force sent the Andrews Air Force Base in Washington sent a prior jet to pick him up not his normal communications yet the speckled trout so the make returned to Andrews from Canada and he apparently was taken by surprise by the assassination he was unprepared for it and there is no mention on the tape of what the important message that Colonel Dorman had for LeMay he said I have a very important message he's going to arrive at Andrews in a half hour and I have to get this message to him before he arrives and so we never learned what that message was at least we don't haven't learned so far but LeMay did not take his regular plane back from Canada he took another plane and and we never did discover what the important message was the doorman was trying to get to him yes there's a hole there's a much dialogue on the tape about whether it should be a Walter Reed or Bethesda and and that's on the tape and and I'm going to put links to all these sites on my blog if you want to go to my blog JFK counterkill I'll have links soon to all the important sites where you can either listen to the tape and see it listen to The Regent transcript or listen to the high fidelity tape by itself and or read my transcript combined transcript and

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my transcript combined transcript and see for yourself what they what they discuss yeah I don't know there's my one comments radio is now expanded it's very there's a dozen connections to comments radio for instance Oswald's wife marina married Porter who was an employee of college radio and a Commons radio executive from Cuba was murdered in Miami in 1965 so there's a I have a in 1993 at the Copa Convention and out in DC I did a report on the Collins radio connections that since then I have added to but I I'll have a link up to my Collins radio connections article as well which I've completely expanded on since my 93 presentation I've added new things all the time as I learned them about the company but yes coral motto I learned today that he was not only a friend at tippet and came to his house to console the widow after the assassination but Carl Mathur was with tippet earlier in the morning that day I don't I just learned that myself from bill sympathy yesterday so yeah yeah and builds a very good reporter and I believe that he has good evidence of that yeah he was in the Situation Room with Patterson and how it they were in that room and they were communicating with with Air Force One through the Liberty station yes and we know a lot of what's

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station yes and we know a lot of what's not on the tape today from the three report while three reporters were given access at the White House they were led to read and quote from a transcript of the unedited tape and all three William Manchester th white and Pierre Salinger quote sections of the transcript that aren't on the tape so what they thought was important to quote in their books or have been excised from the tape that we have today yeah well he's he's pretty he's kept a lot of that from the review board Manchester did but he quotes he quotes general our McGeorge Bundy telling Air Force One that that the assassination was the result of a lone assassin and there was no conspiracy and Max Holland wrote a book on all this called the assassination tapes in which he quotes extensively from the Air Force one tapes but he leaves out the whole Liberty station and the significant connections but he does reveal the fact that how it was was on in the Situation Room and he was also in Moscow when I in the room when Oswald affected which i think is pretty amazing coincidence yeah well the Situation Room was working on a radio they weren't they weren't using a land mines they were and then the radio is a public airwaves anyone that has this radio a shortwave radio that knew the frequencies they were using they were they could listen in and there was a group in Colorado of amateur ham radio buffs who routinely listened in to Air Force One radio communications

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in to Air Force One radio communications because they knew what the frequencies were that that Liberty Collins did that and I think one of these amateur guys could have taped it you know like there could be a tape out there from somebody that and also Liddell the University of Miami professor who heard a book on the Cuban connections he says that Castro himself pulled the radio listening posts in Lourdes Cuba just tuned into Texas that day because that's where Kennedy was going to be and not they what he wanted to take a copy of the airport's one radio communication so he ordered his people that listens into these things so Cuba has a copy of the tape that our guys won't give us you know we might be able to get a copy of the tape from from Castro maybe but I believe that we will one day have a copy of the unedited tapes because there's so many possibilities of obtaining it and I think it's going to answer a lot of our questions about what they decided about the that they edited out and they thought was they thought should be secret and they cut that out especially about the autopsy about the military response anyway I think that one day we will have a more full picture of what we are now having a we are now a missing pieces of this puzzle yes it was a company robbed Raa B is a auction house out of Philadelphia and they specialize in antique tickety's and like historic signatures and photographs and they had a market price of half a million and I tried to contact them to find out if they ever sold it but they never responded back to me but it's RA a B it's a company in Philadelphia that has the Clifton tapes yeah they just want to market it but they had two

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want to market it but they had two copies so they gave one to the archives and the archives posted it you can listen but the Clifton tape is not complete and what we did was to combine the two and you can get the combination of the two from Edie premier site premium forensic acoustics and I'll have the link to that on my blog up later today no but I think Patterson could tell us that and that's why we have to get mr. Patterson to talk I have acquired the a close personal association with a guy named Katz and he was the army person in charge of the continuity of government in the White House that day and he said to me last week that he knew Patterson and what he wants me to give him the contact information and he said he will contact Patterson and tell him that we are legitimate researchers and we just looking for the truth and not trying to were not conspiracy theorists but we're actually a researchers trying to determine what actually happened that day and hopefully he'll cooperate with us anything else well thank you for coming and I appreciate it

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